

A View As Far As the Eye Can See



With the steel fence once surrounding Geneva Towers now partially removed, workers smooth soil along the sidewalk on Shwerin Street in preparation for construction of new Heritage Homes. Previously hidden by the structures are views of the Cow Palace and San Bruno Mountain.

S.F. DA Sues Private Parking Enforcement Company For False Advertising and Unfair Business Practices

San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan announced Sept. 2 that his Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit has filed a civil case against Overtime Parking, Inc., charging the company with unfair business practices and false advertising.

Headquartered in Walnut Creek, the company contracts with private businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Walgreens, to enforce parking limitations posted by owners of private parking lots.

In the lawsuit, the District Attorney alleges that Overtime Parking uses various tactics that mislead consumers into believing that the parking notices issued by the company and placed on their vehicles are actually being is-

sued by local law enforcement. The suit also alleges that the company has been in violation of a statewide injunction entered in Santa Barbara County Superior Court on Dec. 8, 1997. This injunction specifically prohibits the company from issuing parking notices which use the word "ticket," "parking violation," "violation," "penalty," or any other terms which could cause an ordinary individual to believe that the obligation to make payment was created by, or is enforceable by, government authority.

"Unfortunately, Overtime Parking did not heed the injunction entered in Santa Barbara County," said Hallinan. "Rather, it simply focused its business activities in the Bay Area, where it has cited hundreds, perhaps thousands of

vehicles, scaring consumers into paying what they thought were parking tickets."

Hallinan said the company also used scare tactics in follow-up letters to consumers who had not paid their parking notices, threatening them with collection actions and, in some cases, impoundment of their vehicles.

The suit seeks to have the company repay to the victims all sums obtained through the use of this scheme, as well as a minimum of \$500,000 in civil penalties for the unfair business practice and false advertising, and an additional \$6,000 per day in civil penalties for each day in which the company has operated in violation of the injunction.

San Francisco Wins Award for Innovative Recycling Program

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has given the City and County of San Francisco the *Most Innovative Program* award in the first-ever Trash Cutter Awards. The award was given in recognition of San Francisco's successful efforts in two areas—coordinating the *Save Money and the Environment Too* campaign, and implementing an innovative commercial organics recycling program.

The *Save Money and the Environment Too* campaign, initiated by David Assmann, senior administrator for the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program, is the largest recycling campaign in the Bay Area. One hundred and ten cities and counties partner with 400 supermarkets, state agencies and private companies in order to bring shoppers the message about the importance of waste prevention and buying reusable products.

The Board also recognized the commercial organics program, which is a cooperative effort with Sunset Scavenger and the Food Bank. This program collects leftover food from more than 150 businesses in San Francisco. Edible food collected is donated to the

San Francisco Food Bank. Inedible leftover produce from the Food Bank is given to a dairy farmer to use as cattle feed. The remaining produce is collected by Sunset Scavenger for composting.

"These efforts show that San Fran-

cisco is at the cutting edge for waste prevention programs," said Paul Horcher, director of the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program. "Under the leadership of Mayor Brown, we have been able to implement many innovative new programs."



Britton Street Family Housing scheduled to be open in late 1999.

Ground is Broken for Britton Housing

With the removal of rubble continuing at the former Geneva Towers site across the street, Mayor Willie Brown joined HUD's Art Agnos and a number of other officials Aug. 13 in a large empty lot on Sunnydale Avenue for the official ground breaking of the Britton

Street Family Housing.

Entertainment was provided by Cherice Jackson and The Village Players.

Located between Britton and Loehr Streets the new development had been

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City Asking HUD to Release Funding for Heritage Homes

On September 17, the City and County of San Francisco will submit a request to HUD to release funds to begin construction of the Heritage Homes project at 222 Schwerin St.

The project involves new construction of 148 townhouse and apartment-style dwelling units in one, two and three story structures on a 4.56 acre site bounded by Schwerin Street, Sunnydale and Garrison Avenues.

Estimated federal funding will include \$3 million from Community Development Block Grant, \$7.8 million from the HUD Multi-Family Property Disposition Upfront Grant Program and \$6.8 million in HUD Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance funds. The project will also receive \$8 million in construction financing and \$3.8 million in permanent financing from the AFL-CIO Trust Fund.

Heritage homes would replace approximately 25 percent of the 576 units previously contained in Geneva Towers, the twin 20-story buildings imploded on May 16. The proposal is to build 22 four-bedroom units, 62 three-bedroom units, 41 two-bedroom units and 23 one-bedroom units. Included will be a 3,400 square foot childcare

building for 45 children with a 2,000 square foot outdoor play area, a 1,800 square foot open space plaza, a 660 square foot maintenance building and a 2,600 square foot community building with offices for management, security, and resident services as well as classroom, kitchen and a multi-purpose room.

A private street system is planned to provide access to the interior of the site from Schwerin, Sunnydale and Garrison Avenues. Some of the existing mature trees on the site have been retained, but more than 100 new street trees would be installed. Parking for 168 cars would be provided on site in garages, designated off-street spaces and private street parking.

A 13,500 square foot community center with a 17-space ground floor garage will be constructed on the Sunnydale Avenue frontage to house *The Village*, a community social service organization now located at 333 Schwerin St. The Village building will be fully compatible in appearance with the residential structure of Heritage Homes, but will be distinct in location and function from the private community building reserved for residents of the Heritage Homes development.

Illegal Oil Dumping Drops in S.F.

The amount of oil illegally dumped in San Francisco has dropped significantly, helping to protect the environment and the San Francisco Bay. Reports of abandoned oil dropped from 272 in the year ending June 30, 1996 to 103 in the year ending June 30, 1998—a 65 percent decline.

While the dumping of oil has decreased throughout the entire City, some neighborhoods now have virtually no problem with illegally abandoned oil. In the Richmond District, for example, only one incident of abandoned oil was reported last year—down from 19 three years ago. Oil dumping in the northeast sector of the City (Marina, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill, Chinatown, and Downtown) dropped to two incidents from 18. The smallest decline was in the Sunset

District, with 18 cases last year—down 33 percent from the 27 incidents in 1996.

At the same time that illegal dumping of oil was decreasing, the recycling of oil through drop off centers and collection events has been increasing. Oil recycled has nearly doubled—from 48,000 gallons in 1994 to 125,000 gallons in 1997.

"We're glad to see that our aggressive oil recycling outreach campaign is having such a positive impact," said Paul Horcher, director of the Solid Waste Management Program. "With more than 50 drop-off sites, monthly collection events and a new curbside oil collection program scheduled to begin next year, residents have a clear alternative to illegally dumping oil."

Residents can call 554-4333 for a free listing of oil collection sites.

New Alliance Supports S.F. Parks

A new alliance of public and private efforts was recently formed to support and improve park and recreation facilities in San Francisco.

San Francisco Parks Action Alliances not a new organization, but rather a coalition of existing organizations with an interest in revitalizing the City's park system. Goals of the Alliance are to coordinate the various park improvement efforts already underway, to see that recommendations for improvement are implemented, and to devise a long-term strategy to maintain the parks once necessary changes have been made. Emphasis will be placed on the improvement of neighborhood parks and recreation facilities.

Members of the Alliance include representatives of the City's Recre-

ation and Parks Department, the Parks Commission, private and nonprofit organizations that directly support the parks, neighborhood groups that use the parks, organizations with expertise in the field, and philanthropic organizations.

The Alliance is not intended to become a permanent entity. It is anticipated that members will work together for approximately one year. Margie Sako, former director of the Mayor's Office of Community Development, has joined the San Francisco Foundation as coordinator of the Alliance. The Foundation has a long history of supporting efforts to improve the environment and to provide recreational opportunities for residents of the Bay Area.

S.F. SAT Scores Improve in Five Years

Students in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) are taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in greater numbers and scoring higher over a five year period. This trend represents an eight point increase in the verbal SAT scores and a nine point increase in the math SAT scores since 1994.

In this period, the state of California showed an increase of eight and ten points in verbal and math scores respectively. Nationally, students increased their SAT scores by six and eight points respectively over

At the same time SFUSD students are scoring higher on the SAT, more students are taking the test. In 1998, 2,436 SFUSD students took the college entrance exam compared to 2,326 in 1994. The greatest increase occurred between 1997 and 1998 when 199 more students were tested. The district's average verbal score in 1998 was 512, the same as the national average, yet down 5 points from 517 in 1997. Overall, two out of three SFUSD seniors took the test in 1998, or 70 percent compared to 47 percent of the seniors in California and 43

percent nationally.

"When the stock market drops a few points, there is no need to panic. The same is true for SAT scores," said SFUSD Superintendent Bill Rojas. "We are making a long-term investment in our students and they will succeed. We now have a five year trend that indicates more students in San Francisco are graduating and going to college."

A closer look at the test scores indicates that SFUSD students are overcoming the odds to achieve. Seventy-two percent of the students who took the 1998 SAT in San Francisco came from homes where English is not the primary language, compared to 36 percent at the state level and 18 percent nationally.

VERBAL MATH SAT SCORES OVER LAST FIVE YEARS

SFUSD 1994 448/503, 1995 446/503, 1996 455/510, 1997 456/517, 1998 456/512.
California 1994 489/506, 1995 492/509, 1996 495/511, 1997 496/514, 1998 497/516.
Nation 1994 499/504, 1995 504/506, 1996 505/508, 1997 505/511, 1998 505/512.

Bus Stop Change On 54 Felton Line

Muni recently moved a bus stop on the 54-Felton line from the northwest corner of Bacon Street at San Bruno Avenue to a *box zone stop* at mid-block on the north side of Bacon.

Grapevine Mailbox



S.F. Residents Urged To Apply for Access Appeals Commission

The Building Inspection Commission is looking for members to serve on the Access Appeals Commission, an appeals body composed of five members which hears written appeals brought by any person regarding actions taken by the Department of Building Inspection in the enforcement and adaptability provisions of the Disabled Access Regulations.

Members of the Access Appeals Commission are appointed for four year terms. There are currently three expired terms in the Access Appeals

Commission in the following seats:

- *Person with experience in disability construction
 - *Public member
 - *Person with a physical disability.
- The Access Appeals Commission meets twice a month and staff support is provided by the Department of Building Inspection.
- We encourage those who have the time, interest, and expertise to help the City and County of San Francisco.

An applicant must be a resident of San Francisco. Please submit applications consisting of a letter of interest and resume to Maria Banico, Commission Secretary, Building Inspection Commission, at 1660 Mission Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. She may be contacted at (415) 558-6164.

Sincerely,
Alfonso K. Eillon, Chair,
BIC Appointments Committee

A Night of Celebration and Remembrance

Supporting the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt becomes a tasteful endeavor on Thursday, Oct. 1 when restaurants from San Francisco to New York and Clos du Bois Winery invite diners to a *Night of Celebration and Remembrance*.

More than 50 restaurants across the country are participating in this one-of-a-kind national event by agreeing to donate a portion of their food sales from dinners served Oct. 1. They join Clos du Bois winery, sponsor of the event, who will be donating a portion of all wine sales at these restaurants during the month of September. Additional restaurants are coming on board each day.

"We are very excited to support the NAMES Project and its important work," said Elka Gilmore, proprietor

of Oodles restaurant in San Francisco. "It is a great opportunity for our customers and others across the country to know their dollars are contributing to a great cause."

Clos du Bois is in its second year of supporting the NAMES Project as the exclusive wine sponsor of the Foundation. Clos du Bois wines were featured at a series of NAMES Project fund raising events throughout the country.

Since 1987, the fabric panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt have been shown across the country and throughout the world to ensure that those who have died are never forgotten and to help bring an end to AIDS. Over the past decade, more than a million people have viewed the Quilt.

More City Residents Using Compost Bins

by David Assmann, Senior Administrator, San Francisco Recycling Program

What do former State Senator Milton Marks, KRON reporter Henry Tanenbaum, garden author Pam Pierce, and 12,000 other San Franciscans have in common? They're all using low cost compost bins provided by the San Francisco Recycling Program. Twice a year, in cooperation with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), San Francisco residents are given the opportunity to buy \$90 Earth Machines for only \$19.50.

Your next opportunity to get a bin is on Saturday, September 19th at the Garden for the Environment—located at 7th and Lawton in the Sunset District. Bins will be offered from 9 am to 3 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Bins come with complete instructions. SLUG also offers free demonstrations at the sale as well as regular free workshops on composting.

If you don't have a back yard, you can still compost your food scraps in a *Wriggly Wranch*, which will also be available at the compost bin sale. This high quality worm bin, perfect for apartments, is available for only \$24.50. Call 285-7584 to receive free brochures, information on free workshops, and other information on composting.

There are 1.2 million of them, collectively they weigh more than six million pounds, and every household and business will get a new one this month. What I'm referring to, of course, are the new telephone books, which arrive in San Francisco every September. With the arrival of new directories, more than one million old books become obsolete. Old telephone directories don't need to end up in the trash, however. They are easily recycled into new telephone books, cereal boxes, building insulation or one of many other paper products.

If you have curbside recycling service, you can just put the phone books in a paper bag with your other paper recyclables and put them out with your blue bin. If you live in an apartment building with central recycling bins, you can put the phone books in the gray recycling bin for paper. If you live in an apartment building without recycling, you can take your books to a recycling center. Call the San Francisco Recycling Program Hotline at 554-RECYCLE (7329) for information on the center nearest you. Businesses can also call the hotline for collection options and a list of recycling centers that accept phone books.

This year, the new books contain an average of 40 percent recycled post consumer content. That means at least 40 percent of the material used to manufacture this year's telephone books came from old newspapers, magazines, and yes, old telephone books. By including 40 percent recycled post consumer content in the books, Pacific Bell has saved 18,500 trees, 4.4 million kilowatt hours of energy and almost 8 million gallons of water for San Francisco's books alone. Our goal this year is to recycle 2.5 million pounds of telephone books citywide (that's half of all the phone books delivered in San Francisco).

San Franciscans are continuing to recycle at record rates. Recycling went up by almost 3 million pounds during the first half of 1998, up to a record 60 million pounds. Keep up the good work.

Finally, if you're connected to the Internet, you may wish to check out our web site. Located at www.sfrecycle.org, the site gives viewers a range of options for information about waste prevention and recycling at home, work or school. For example, in the home section, viewers can obtain environmental shopping tips, information about waste prevention during the holidays and a list of what's recyclable in San Francisco. In the school section, educators and students can access our latest newsletter, get listings of resources, play an interactive Recycling Heroes game and obtain information on how to set up a school recycling program. The site also provides background information about different recyclable materials. I'm also interested in getting feedback, and will do my best to answer any recycling or related questions in future columns. Please e-mail me at dassmann@sirius.com or write to me at the San Francisco Recycling Program, 1145 Market St., Suite 401, SF, CA 94103.

Muni Riders Demand Action for Bad Metro Service

Rescue Muni, a transit riders' association for San Francisco is an organization of concerned riders who seek to make service foster, safer, more reliable, and more responsive to riders' needs. Founded in 1996, it now has more than 320 members throughout the City. Following is the organization's response to delayed Muni Metro service in late August.

Riders are understandably furious at Muni for recent Metro service. Muni made very significant changes in how we use the system without telling us in advance how it would change and how the changes would improve the system after implementation glitches were fixed. This turned a difficult situation of change into a nightmare and brought already frustrated riders far past the boiling point.

If Muni had only used a few of the billboards in the subway stations to explain key changes in advance, the incredible overcrowding at Embarcadero platform would not have happened, most riders would have grumbled but understood what was going on. Instead, only proof of payment (POP) was explained, and only that riders needed to have POP with them on a vehicle or on a platform, forgetting to mention how the white buttons on the Bredas would open the doors while on the street. Also, of course, thousands of riders were left in the dark during the major delays that plagued the first week of ATCS service, not knowing when their cars would arrive of the cause of the trouble.

To regain riders' confidence, Muni must immediately:

1. Apologize for the poor advance communication
2. Fix the bugs so that all trains can consistently use the automatic train control system (ATCS)
3. Deliver complete, accurate information on the status of the crisis until it is resolved.
4. Make sure that all station agents and operators know the cause and severity of any delays, relay that infor-

mation immediately to customers, and fully explain Metro alternatives (including BART) where appropriate) to riders.

5. Fully explain to the riding public the purpose and goals of ATCS.

6. Open up its mind and listen to riders when they suggest ways to run the Metro/streetcar system more efficiently.

7. Work out a flexible and efficient agreement with the Transport Workers Union such that trains go outbound in proper sequence instead of sending five K or J or N cars in a row.

8. Work out a reasonable deal with BART on the use of the Fast Pass on BART within San Francisco.

Dry, Hot Weather Drives Ants Indoors

Don't run out to buy that can of ant poison just yet.

In the nick of time for high ant season, the San Francisco Water Pollution Prevention Program has released its new booklet on controlling household pests using less-toxic products.

Control It! Less-Toxic Methods to Control and Prevent Pests in and Around Your Home is a colorful booklet that outlines the best ways to detect, control and prevent pests. Argentine ants, a very common household pest, are covered in depth. What to do about them? *Control It!* suggests starting out by wiping up ant trails with soapy water and then using baits to get rid of the rest. Best long-term solution is to caulk cracks to prevent the bugs from getting in at all.

Tanya Driik, an integrated pest management specialist who consulted on the book, concurred, "This handy little guide is an excellent place to start if you have a problem. The book covers 14 pests commonly found in San Francisco and offers specific, less-toxic controls."

But ants aren't the only pest covered in the book. Every page of *Control It!* focuses on a different pest and features prevention tips. Pests covered include cockroaches, fleas and termites. The booklet includes a shopping list and

9. Show steady quarterly improvement in outputs (service quantity and quality), not just inputs (employees) before the Board of Supervisors as the full requested funding kicks in starting October 1.

10. Think of Muni riders as customers, not cattle.

Through these steps, Muni Director Cruz and Mayor Brown can cool down the firestorm of anger that erupted in late August and take the first step on a long journey to regain the respect of Muni riders. To encourage such steps, Rescue Muni volunteers gathered well over 1,000 signatures the evening of August 28 at downtown Metro stations in a matter of a little over two hours.

product guide, hints on finding pests' hiding places and cleaning tips.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Pollution Prevention Program developed *Control It!*, the fifth in a series of consumer guides, because pest control chemicals can pollute the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean when used or disposed of improperly.

"Most of us want to get rid of pests. And we want to offer a less polluting way of doing it," said Paula Kehoe, program coordinator for the San Francisco Water Pollution Prevention Program. "Most of us have had to deal with home pest control at one time or another and sometimes our instinct is to just go out and buy the strongest chemical product around. But you may not need such products to get rid of a simple problem. There are many less toxic methods that really get the job done and help protect the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean."

The book also emphasizes prevention-taking steps now before there's a pest problem to deal with. "Prevention is really the key," Kehoe stressed. "If you make your home uninviting for ants or any other pests, they'll stay away."

San Francisco residents can get a free copy of *Control It!* by calling 695-7375.

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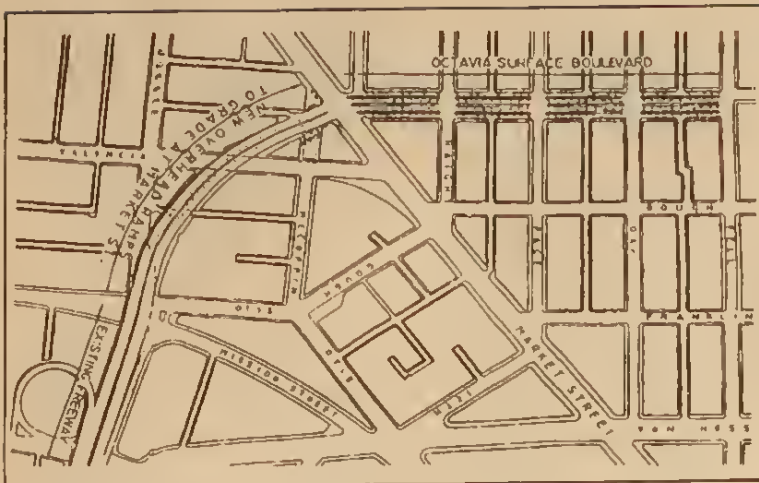
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Central Freeway would end just before Market Street and link to a tree-lined Octavia Boulevard that would include side access lanes.

Proposition E Calls for Attractive Boulevard To Replace Freeway North of Market Street

After a successful petition drive this summer, supporters are hopeful the rest of San Francisco will be equally enthusiastic about Proposition E, a measure on the local ballot this November that would eliminate the bulky Central Freeway north of Market Street and replace it with an attractive avenue.

Octavia Boulevard would be a new widened, high-traffic volume roadway between Market and Oak/Fell Streets that would distribute traffic both east/west and north/south over a variety of routes. It would consist of two lanes of traffic in each direction, plus an additional lane on each side with parking separated from faster through traffic to serve the local neighborhood.

Timed signals on Octavia Boulevard would be coordinated with lights on Fell and Oak Streets in a plan both Caltrans and the Transportation Authority have agreed would be no slower in reaching Fell Street than the overhead freeway.

According to the plan, new overhead ramps would be constructed to meet the existing freeway at Mission Street and gradually descend to ground level at Market Street. Traffic on the freeway currently only moves northbound past Mission after the seismically unsafe southbound deck was removed a few years ago.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$48.1 million, almost \$20 million less than the \$67.6 it would take to both

retrofit, widen and create new exit ramps for the existing structure. Proposed new construction on the freeway would also impact traffic directly below it.

Opponents of the boulevard measure have claimed demolishing the freeway and bringing its traffic to a surface intersection with Market Street would cause a nightmarish gridlock, often citing the passage of Proposition H in 1997 as the will of the voters.

But those in favor of the plan are confident the roadway's design would be helpful in directing commuter and weekend traffic north towards Franklin Street, inaccessible since demolition of the Central Freeway's top portion following the earthquake in October 1989. Supporters also note the resurgence of Hayes Valley, once again flourishing with restaurants and shops after decades of being directly below the freeway, as a major reason to remove it from the neighborhood.

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Third Street Light Rail Project Neighborhood Workshop

Please join **MUNI** at these meetings

MUNI's design team will present alternative concept designs for station platforms and other key elements of the light rail line in each affected neighborhood. Your input is critical!

Please mark your calendar so that you can be a part of the decision making process. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are as follows:

**Tuesday, Sept. 8th
& Tuesday Oct. 6th**

Bayview Hunters Point
Southeast Community Facility
1800 Oakdale Avenue, Community Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 9th
Thursday, Oct. 8th**

Visitacion Valley
Schlage Lock Company
2401 Bayshore Boulevard
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17th
Wednesday, Oct. 7th**

**Mission Bay/Central Waterfront/
Potrero Hill**
San Francisco State University
452 Market Street, CEL
Downtown Center, Room 2601
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For questions about the project call 415/703-6655.

Individuals who will need help with translation and/or accessible services should call MUNI Accessible Services at 415/923-6142 (TDD: 415/923-6366) 72 hours prior to the meeting. The meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Memory Walk Set For Treasure Island

The nonprofit Alzheimer's Association of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area will hold *Memory Walk 1998* on Saturday, Oct. 3 on Treasure Island from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m.

Alzheimer's Association Executive Director William H. Fisher said the event will be, "A day with family and friends exploring Treasure Island and helping defeat Alzheimer's."

"Alzheimer's disease has rightfully been called a disaster-in-progress," said Mayor Willie Brown. It threatens the health of individuals, families, communities, and in the next century, our country. More than 700,000 people in the Bay Area suffer with Alzheimer's disease. Hundreds of thousands of their family members and friends suffer along with them. This is a time for our communities to rally."

Enthusiastic volunteers from throughout the Bay Area are organizing an event expected to draw 1,100 people to Treasure Island. Bay Area families will enjoy:

- *A walk around historic Treasure Island on long and short courses, with fabulous views and photo opportunities of the Bay, the bridges, and Alcatraz and Angel Islands

- *Entertainment provided by the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Stanford Harmonies, musician/singer Steve Seskin, clowns, face painters and more

Tasty foods available for purchase, picnic facilities (no fires allowed), or a pre-order barbecue lunch for \$10. To be assured of a barbecue lunch, order by October 1 as part of pre-registration.

- *Children's activities, celebrity participants, cable car buses for those who have difficulty walking, and much more.

To pre-register or get more information, call 1-800-660-1993.

GASA Essay Contest

All submissions in an *Essay Contest* for girls ages 8-18 sponsored by Girls After School Academy (GASA) should be received no later than Sept. 15. Prizes will be awarded in four age categories. For more information, call GASA at 584-4044.

Man Found Slain In Sunnydale

An open door of a Sunnydale apartment led investigating police Aug. 25 to the body of John Releford, 22, a former Housing Authority laborer who had worked at the housing complex until May 1998. Releford had died hours earlier of gunshot wounds.

Fall Fest Coming to S.F. Zoo



Fall Fest participants take time out for a food break.

San Francisco Zoo's *Children's Zoo* area will celebrate the coming of fall with *Fall Fest*, a down-home, home-grown family event on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be a corn-shucking contest, butter churning demonstrations, scarecrow-making, a spinning exhibition and more, with the Zoo's goats, sheep, llama, ponies and donkeys on hand to meet and greet guests.

Activities also include a livestock stampede, animal husbandry demonstrations, a barnyard animal noise con-

test, keeper talks, informational booths, and demonstrations by professional farmers. The first-time event is also expected to feature an antique tractor showcase, entertainment and food.

The event is open to kids and adults, and is free with paid Main Zoo admission. The San Francisco Zoo is located at Sloat Boulevard at the Pacific Ocean and open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 753-7080 for more information.

Outbound Metro Riders Only to Board Outbound

In order to provide faster turnaround service in the subway, passengers on all Metro lines other than the N-Judah must get off the car at Embarcadero Station.

N-Judah cars now continue to the Caltrain Station at 4th and Townsend Streets.

Passengers should not ride inbound to the Embarcadero Station in order to get a seat and return outbound. Doing so will delay their trip and may

cause delays to the Metro system.

In order for passengers to reach their destination in a timely manner, outbound passengers should board outbound cars at their station of origin.

For further information, call Muni's Telephone Information Center at (415) 673-MUNI.

ESL Classes at Beacon

Visitacion Valley Community Center and San Francisco City College are offering free ESL classes Monday through Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, please call 452-4907 or come by the Beacon at Visitacion Valley Middle School, 450 Raymond Ave., Room 101.

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Kites at Golden Gate Park



Kite Festival participants proudly displayed their creations.

San Francisco children of all cultural backgrounds attended the annual Multi-Cultural Kite Festival, sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Parks, on Aug. 29.

Flying kites of their own, or their own making, at the Beach Chalet soccer fields, the first 100 children received a free paint-a-kite, which they designed, decorated and flew in the festival.

"We also had free Caribbean food, plus calypso steel music by the S & B Pan Jammers," said Friends president Michael J. Fleming. "It was a great

opportunity for families to come together outdoors and experience the rich diversity that is our Bay Area community."

Friends of Recreation and Parks is a non-profit organization committed to protecting and enhancing San Francisco's treasured green spaces. From Golden Gate Park to 205 neighborhood parks, open spaces and recreation programs, the Friends have raised millions of dollars to ensure a bright future for San Francisco's 4,000 acres of parkland.

Radio Program for Cantonese Listeners

Last March 23, Chinatown Community Development Center (CDC) proudly announced the debut of a new radio show entitled *Community Forum*, a Cantonese language program airing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. on AM 1400 dedicated to community education and providing a forum for public discussion.

The staff of Chinatown CDC wanted to air a show that would "fill the community" on what happened at City Hall and what's not in the community. Issues

ranging from tenants rights to basic immigration laws are discussed on the show. Hosts include Chinatown CDC staff Wyland Chu, Angela Chu, Anna Chang, and staff from the Asian Law Caucus.

Empowering the community—especially the Chinese-speaking community—to call in and voice their concerns and opinions has been a powerful educational experience.

The show began on a daily evening broadcast (as a pilot project) before moving to afternoons.

Light Rail System To Visitacion Valley Scheduled to Begin Operating in 2003

On June 23rd, in a hearing room crowded with interested community members, the San Francisco Public Transportation Commission gave its stamp of approval to light rail in the Third Street Corridor by selecting the two-phase Third Street Light Rail Project as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

The Commission also resolved the light rail project's remaining design options. Thirty-three committee members testified at the hearing, giving the commissioners their input on the project and the remaining decisions.

In Visitacion Valley, a community workshop on Sept. 9 gave residents an opportunity to see the latest developments of the new light rail system, including alternative concept designs for station platforms. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at Schlage Lock Company, 2401 Bayshore Blvd.

PROJECT DESIGN

Construction of the new light rail line will occur in two phases.

Phase 1, also called the Initial Operating Segment (IOS), will begin operation in 2003 and will extend the J-Church Muni Metro line from the Market Street Subway and Muni Metro Embarcadero Extension along Third Street and Bayshore Boulevard to a southern terminus at the Caltrain Bayshore Station. The N-Judah line will also be extended as far as Mission Bay to accommodate the heavy demand in this area expected sometime after 2008.

Phase 2 would include a new Central Subway, beginning at Bryant and traveling under Third, Geary, and Stockton Streets to a northern terminus at Stockton/Clay in Chinatown. The Central Subway is an integral part of the Third Street Light Rail Project and is covered by the project's environmental documents, however the City does not currently have the funds to engineer and build this part of the project. The Third Street Project is listed in the new federal transportation legislation (TEA-21), as an eligible project. This means that the City can apply for federal funds to build the Central Subway, though Muni would have to wait in turn behind other Bay Area projects which are already in line for the funds. A projected start date for the Central Subway is 2008.

DESIGN OPTIONS

For the lane configuration for Third Street in the Bayview Commercial Core (Kirkwood to Thomas Avenues), the Commission selected a "Mixed Flow" option for this nine-block segment, providing two lanes of traffic in each direction with the inside lane shared between traffic and light rail. This design maintains curb parking on Third Street through the Bayshore Commercial Core and allows the sidewalks to be widened to 12 feet.

Throughout the rest of the corridor, the light rail will be in its own exclusive lane in the center of the street with two traffic lanes for automobiles and trucks in each direction. Curb parking will be removed at station locations and in some areas where left turn pockets are provided.

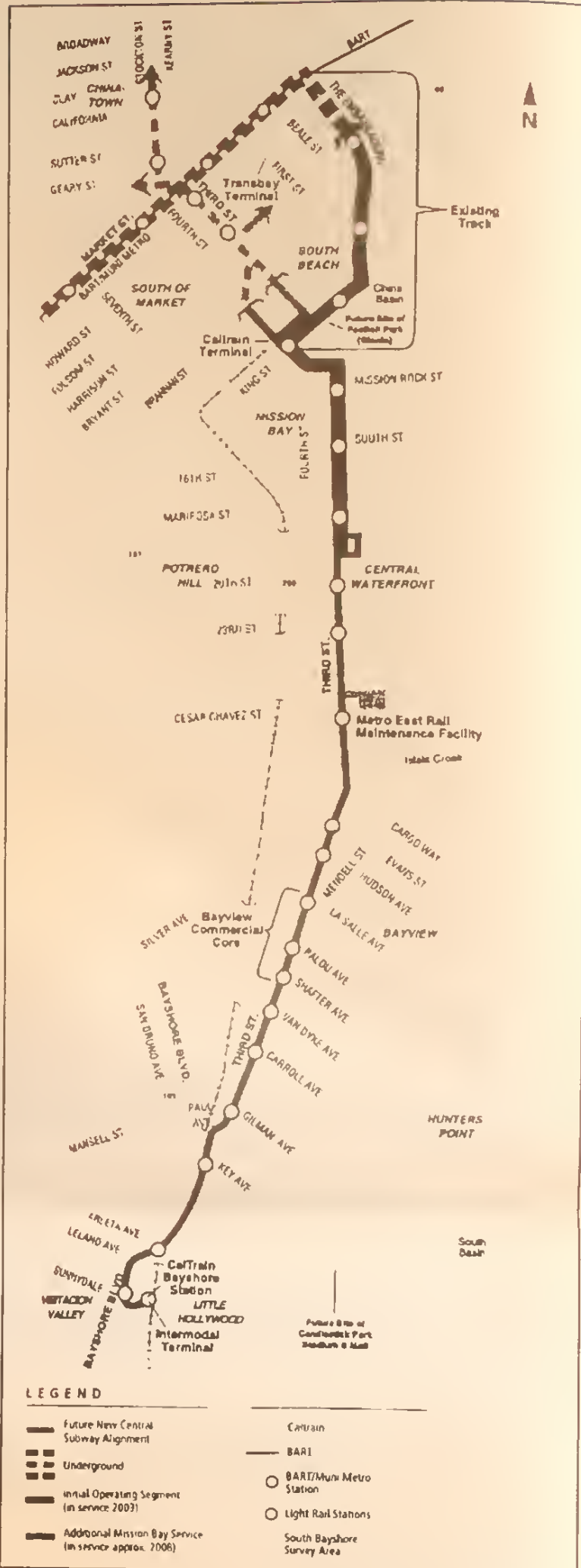
In picking the platform type, the Commission selected high-level platforms for all station locations along the Third Street Corridor. These platforms will be 33-inches high throughout. They will look similar to the new platforms on The Embarcadero between Folsom and King Streets, but will not be quite as long or wide.

Muni staff has found a way to locate a high-level center platform station at Bayshore and Arleta by redesigning that intersection. The re-design will have the added benefit of helping traffic flow better through that area.

In picking an alignment across Mission Creek the Commission selected the alignment using the Fourth Street Bridge in both the northbound and southbound directions. The light rail will share a lane with cars in each direction over the bridge.

In selecting a maintenance and storage facility site, the Commission chose the west side of the former Western Pacific Railyard site, located near 25th and Illinois Street.

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Britton Housing Ground Breaking

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in the planning stages for several years. When completed in late 1999, the new homes will be comprised of 63 two-bedroom, 21 three-bedroom and 8 four-bedroom apartments designed to accommodate families with children.

The townhouse apartments and flats will be grouped in 32 attached two and three story buildings arranged in courtyard clusters.

S.F. Public Library to Sponsor Teen Read Week

An award-winning author, teen writers from Juvenile Hall, and a Teen Comic Art Fest are all part of San Francisco Public Library's Teen Read Week, a national celebration of teens and reading held from Oct. 19 through 25.

Created by the American Library Association to encourage teen reading, Teen Read Week at the Library's 26 branches and Main Library will also feature displays of teen materials, put together by the San Francisco Public Library's Teen Advisory Council.

"Comic Book Artists Show You How" and "The Great Women Superheroes with Trina Robbins are part of the Teen Comic Art Fest on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium.

"Teen Read Week presents us with a wonderful opportunity to shine the spotlight on writers and materials which are of special interest to teens," said Toni Bernardi, coordinator of Children and

yard clusters. Each of the clusters will share enclosed parking, a secured courtyard, a laundry room and garbage facilities. A community room and child care facility building will provide a central focus along Sunnydale Avenue. When completed, two vehicular entrances to the site from the south will access 122 parking spaces on the premises.

The project was designed by the architectural team of Michael Willis and Associates, and Solomon Inc. Architecture and Urban Design.

Youth Services at the Library. "The programs being offered highlight the diversity of those interests and the literary collections which support them."

MYEEP Gets Award

MYEEP was selected in August as one of only 11 recipients of the National Youth Employment Coalition's 1998 PEPNet awards. Programs were judged in showing promising and effective practices.

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An Historical Journey to New England

by Gerry L. Galvan

History books point to religious persecution in England as the start of it all. It's often said that Christopher Columbus was just incidental, and Amerigo Vespucci, a lucky Johnnie-come-lately, got the cream of the pie.

Truly serious historians are unanimous in giving extra weight to the role of the *Mayflower* at Plymouth Rock. Whatever it's worth, the city of Bangor in the state of Maine had its part in the founding and development of the United States of America while being one of the first New World areas to demonstrate peaceful commerce and trade between settlers and the Indians.

My wife and I spent 32 hours in Bangor during the early part of August. Our trip wasn't planned, but a free-wheeling tour that came out of the blue as the focal point of an eight-day tour of the Eastern Coast.

The world knows very little of Bangor although the community has played important roles in international trade, diplomacy, culture and history. As early as 1604, chronicler Samuel de Champlain sailed up to the harbor of the Penobscot River (leading to Bangor). The significance of the Bangor area in terms of its role in the flourishing French-Indian river trade and such subsequent events as the arrival of the first white settler in 1769 and the erection of a sawmill in 1772, have been overshadowed in Massachusetts historically by the Boston Tea Party, the Paul Revere horse ride, and Patrick Henry's famous oratory.

And in spite of its geographical position, its role in trade, ethnic and racial relations, Bangor has not gotten its share in world recognition.

A large number of friends asked why Violet and I considered traveling to Maine. A few remarked, "The only thing that Maine is famous for is the lobster."

But our friends are quite wrong. Maine, which was admitted to the United States on March 15, 1820 as the 23rd state, represents almost one-half of the total land area of the six New England states. Originally a part of the colony and later state Massachusetts for more than two centuries, it is the eastern-most point of U.S. land on the Atlantic Coast, and the state closest to the European continent. Maine is also the only continen-



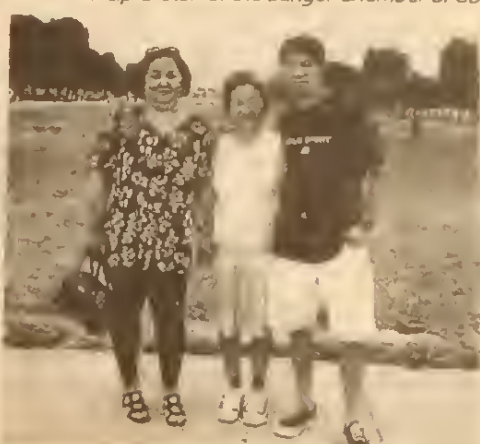
In Bangor, Gerry and Violet Galvan visited Maine's largest daily newspaper.



Helpful staff of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce.



Stopping for a rest in downtown Boston.



With the Capitol in the background



On a busy D.C. street



Passengers boarded a bus heading up the East Coast.



Reporter Galvan paused at the site of one of Boston's biggest stores.

tal state to border only one state: New Hampshire. Quebec and New Brunswick in Canada are to its north.

Traveling by bus on the East Coast also gave me a wonderful feeling of closeness to American history with visits to the site of the Boston Tea Party, the Henry Longfellow Bridge, and the John Hancock Building in

downtown Boston. I was also again able to visit Washington, D.C., still reeling from both the Capitol shootings and the White House scandal where we had lunch with a niece at her place of work.

A bus trip to New York City afforded a nostalgic glimpse of suburban New York and the state of Con-

necticut where I had spent most of 1961 at nearby Irvington-on-Hudson while on a scholarship. Although unable to return, I could imagine exactly where that village was as our bus cruised along an adjacent freeway.

There really exists a marked significance in the origin and existence of the 13 original United States: Dela-

ware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island. Without the pioneering role played by its settlers and traders, we wouldn't be enjoying what we now know as life in these United States.

Baby Boomers Entering Retirement Age

A newly defined generation called "Matureds," has been identified by the Concord Group as a growing group of seniors born before 1946 which has a distinctively different psychographic profile than does its predecessor, the Eisenhower retirees generation.

The Concord Group assessed the shifting housing needs of today's oldest group of Baby Boomers in eight regions of the United States. If the trend continues, by the year 2002, 30 percent of all U.S. households will be *Matured* households.

The Concord Group forecasts a continued shift in the housing cycle through the years 1999 to 2000 for Matureds. This group of Americans start shopping for retirement/pre-retirement homes at age 50 and above.

With more leisure time and greater disposable income than ever before, they are looking for housing which enables them to take advantage of their active lifestyle. Even in retirement, both renters and owners continue to demand low maintenance housing to continue their high activity level.

"Professionals involved in planning for future retirement communities, from homebuilders to experts that specialize in forecasting, planning and marketing, were consulted for our research," said Richard Gollis, principal of the Concord Group. "This information will enable professionals in all aspects of the building industry to plan ahead to meet the growing needs of this newly identified group of older, active Americans."

Aging Baby Boomers

Household growth rates and income levels of the new "matured" generation by region

Matured Households (in millions)

Region	1990	1997	2002	% of all region's matured households by 2002	% of matured households with \$35,000+ income by 2002
Northeast	3.3	3.7	4.3	29	72
Mid-Atlantic	2.2	2.5	2.9	28	71
Southeast	3.7	4.6	5.5	27	65
South	2.2	2.7	3.3	27	65
Midwest	3.8	4.5	5.2	28	74
North Central	1.5	1.9	2.3	27	72
Pacific Northwest	7.6	1.0	1.3	29	73
West	2.8	3.4	4.2	28	69

The Concord Group's Projections for Matureds

- In the U.S., 900,000 households will shift into the 45-59 age group annually through 2002.
- In 2002, 30 percent of all U.S. households will be Matured households (29 million).
- Of those, 70 percent will earn \$35,000+, and have significant home equity (20 million).

Compost Bin Fall Sale Anticipated to Set New Records

High-quality reduced-price compost bins are expected to be in demand when the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) teams up with the San Francisco Recycling Program to offer San Francisco residents new compost bins.

Two state of the art composters, the *Earth Machine* and the *Wriggly Wranch* worm bin, will be available at a one-day compost bin distribution event on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Home composters in San Francisco already divert 5 million pounds of yard and food waste from the landfill each year, and this year's bin distribution is designed to help fulfill a goal of doubling the amount of organic material composted by the end of the decade.

Last year, more than 3,000 San Francisco residents lined up to obtain one of the limited number of compost bins being offered to City residents at two bin sales.

This time there will be a truckload of 1,200 *Earth Machines* for \$19.50 each and 600 *Wriggly Wranch* worm bins for \$24.50 each. Every San Francisco resident is eligible for one of these discounted composters.

Come early while supplies last. The sale will be at the *Garden for the Environment* at 7th Avenue and Lawton in the Sunset District. Free workshops on composting will be held on a continuous basis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Composting is a simple way to convert fruit, vegetable and plant trim-

mings to a soil amendment for gardens and house plants. The *Earth Machine* is ideal for no-fuss, odor-free composting, and is small enough to fit into any back yard. The *Wriggly Wranch* worm bin is great for fruit and vegetable scraps and can be kept inside. Worms will also be available at the sale for \$15 a pound.

More than 11,000 City residents have purchased bins from the Program since 1990 and more than 4,000 have attended composting workshops. Free workshops on composting are also offered several times a month by SLUG. For information on free workshops or more information about the bin sale, call 285-7585.

Health Care Discussion

Earn \$50

If you live in S.F., have Medi-Cal, Medicare, or no health insurance, call 821-0650 between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.



Match quotes to speakers.

1 "It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens"

2 "I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments, the front page has nothing but man's failures."

3 "To apologize is to lay the foundation for a future offense."

4 "For nothing can seem foul to those that win."

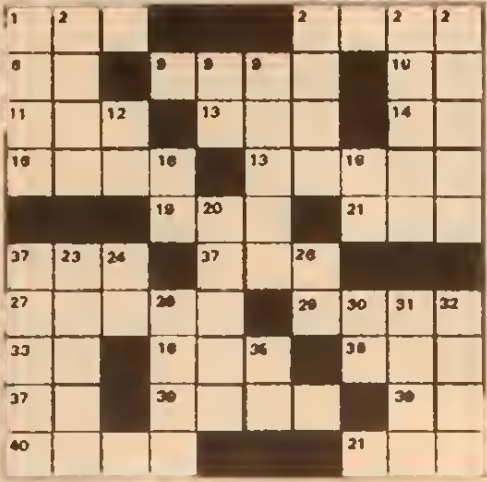
5 "Necessity never makes a good bargain."

6. "The other teams could make trouble for us if they win."
7. "Please accept my resignation. I don't care to belong to any club that will have me as a member."
8. "Wit is educated insolence."
- 9 "Fools make research and wise men exploit them."
- A. William Shakespeare
B. H.G. Wells
C. Benjamin Franklin
D. Woody Allen
E. Anstotle
F. Yogi Berra
G. Earl Warren
H. Groucho Marx
I. Ambrose Bierce

Answers: 1-D, 2-G, 3-I, 4-A, 5-C, 6-F, 7-H, 8-E, 9-B.

Grapevine Crossword

- ACROSS
1. Aun
3. Keep
6. Ailment
7. Crab
10. Emergencies Room (abbr)
11. Pole
13. Mineral
14. Not Available
15. Hit
17. Planet
19. April
21. Look
22. Term
25. Du
27. Aun
29. Character
33. Account of
34. Rukker
36. Goh
37. Crain
38. Felt
39. Without date
40. Jackyl &
41. Menel DOWN
1. Wagon
2. Agave
3. Similar
4. Locale
5. Remove
8. For example
9. Cut
12. Drown (abbr)
16. Tuesday
18. Not specified
20. Vapor
22. Group
23. Task
24. Pennyl
26. Yard (abbr)
28. Quantity
30. al
31. Calm
32. Lure
35. Ruthenium



This Month in S.F. History

- SEPTEMBER
1. In 1868, the De Young brothers' Dramatic Chronicle, first newspaper in San Francisco to report the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, became the Daily Morning Chronicle, a four-page broadsheet nearly three times its original size.
2. In 1947, with the advent of postwar traffic and parking congestion, the City's first parking meters were installed on Polk St. In 1956, cable car service west of Van Ness Ave. ended when the Washington-Jackson line was replaced by bus service.
7. In 1850, the failure of several businesses in Sacramento, the new state capital, caused worried San Franciscans to withdraw money from local banks in a financial panic lasting several days. In 1907, a mysterious fire destroyed Adolph Suttro's popular Cliff House. In 1962, a raging fire destroyed the original St. Mary's Cathedral located at Van Ness Ave. and O'Farrell St.
9. In 1875, Lotta's Fountain, a timeless fixture on the safety island at Kearney, Geary and Market Sts. was officially dedicated, a loving gift to San Franciscans from Lotta Crabtree.
11. In 1929, the City's first traffic signals were activated by Mayor James Rolph.
16. In 1974, BART trains began regular scheduled operation through the transbay

- tube.
17. In 1850, a large fire powered by gusting winds destroyed 125 mostly one-story buildings on several square blocks of downtown S.F. In 1917, thousands of local laborers went on strike to protest poor wages and working conditions.
19. In 1854, Montgomery St. became the City's first permanently paved avenue with cubical blocks of granite. In 1855, the schooner Caroline E. Foote became the first vessel to enter S.F. Bay with a cargo imported directly from Japan.
22. In 1848, the City's first wharf - a 150-foot structure extending into the bay from the foot of Broadway St. - was built. In 1853, the West Coast's first telegraph line - built to provide reports of incoming ships - was opened between the downtown Merchant's Exchange and a station at Pt. Lobos.
26. In 1915, El Camino del Mar, located at the City's northeast corner, was opened. A landslide several decades later caused its permanent closure.
28. In 1948, ground was broken for the Youth Guidance Center on Woodside Ave.
29. In 1923, Steinhart Aquarium in Golden Gate Park was opened to the public. In 1940, the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island closed its gates for the second and last time. Treasure Island was leased the following year to the U.S. Government for its naval operations.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

SEPTEMBER 1993

*Muni's Bayshore Project team returned in August to convey a new transit alternative labelled *Alternative 10* that incorporated appealing features of still existing proposals while routing new light rail vehicles (LRVs) through areas of greatest demand.

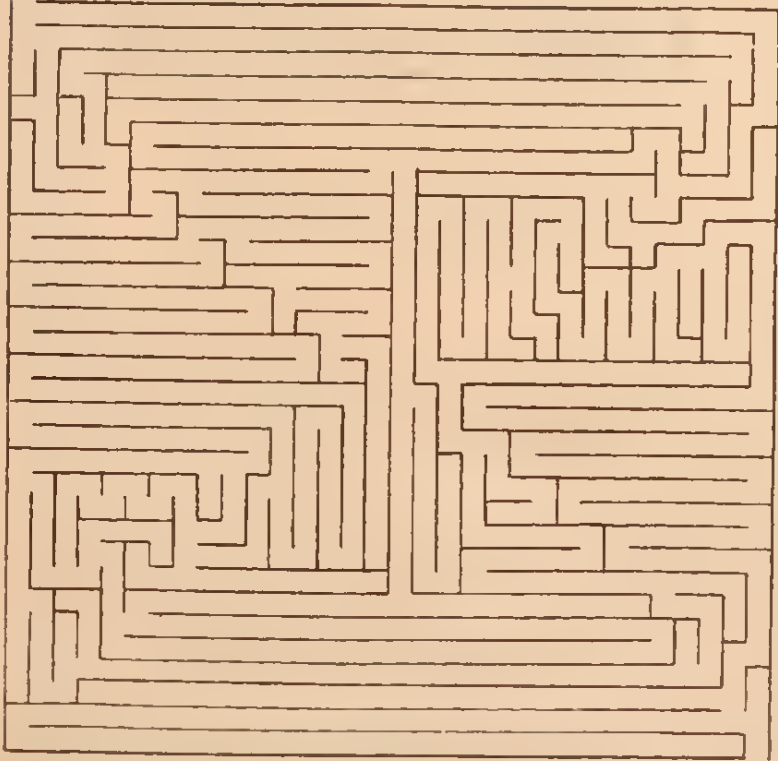
*Anxiety was experienced by

Geneva Towers residents in an Aug. 14 fire which destroyed a third floor apartment at the Schwerin Street high rise. One firefighter, Lt. Jerry Butler, died three days later from burns suffered in the inferno that injured more than 20 residents.

*Sanitary Fill Co. employed a worker to collect trash from the streets of Little Hollywood.

*Members of Visitacion Valley's Gang Prevention Program took a rafting trip down the American River.

Minute Maze



Grapevine Puzzler

European Nations and Capitals

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Albania Tirane	Bosnia and Herzegovina Sarajevo	Helsinki France Paris	Latvia Riga	Amsterdam Norway Oslo	Ljubljana Spain Madrid
Andorra Andorra la Vella	Bulgaria Sofia	Georgia Tbilisi	Liechtenstein Vaduz	Poland Warsaw	Sweden Stockholm
Armenia Yerevan	Croatia Zagreb	Germany Berlin	Lithuania Vilnius	Portugal Lisbon	Switzerland Bern
Austria Vienna	Czech Republic Prague	Greece Athens	Luxembourg Macedonia Skopje	Romania Bucharest	Ukraine Kiev
Azerbaijan Baku	Denmark Copenhagen	Hungary Budapest	Malta Valletta	Russia Moscow	United Kingdom London
Belarus Minsk	Estonia Tallinn	Iceland Reykjavik	Moldova Kishinev	San Marino Slovakia Bratislava	Vatican City Yugoslavia Belgrade
Belgium Brussels	Finland	Italy Rome	Monaco Netherlands	Slovenia	



- Match clues to answers.
- 1952
1. They were repeat World Series winners.
2. And they were champions of the NFL.
3. Best Actor at the Emmy Awards on February 18
4. Publisher William Guiness brought out the first issue of this now-popular magazine.
5. Stanley Cup winner in the NHL.
6. Brushes in hand, people started doing a lot of this.
7. On Feb. 8, she ascended the throne in Great Britain.
8. This movie made the most money at the box office.
9. On July 3, he was being Mr Peepers
10. He announced Checkers the dog would remain a part of his family on Sept. 23.
11. Sharpie the Parrot was repeat-

- edly selling these on TV.
12. Egyptians finally ousted his corrupt government on July 23
13. Best Picture at the Academy Awards
14. On Sept. 23, he defeated Jersey Joe Walcott to become heavyweight boxing champion.
15. Prospectors started journeying to Canada to file claims for mining this element.
16. On Oct. 31, the United States detonated this for the first time.
17. These first started appearing in New York to ease confusion at congested intersections.
18. He became president in a landslide victory.
- A. Rocky Marciano
B. Richard Nixon
C. King Farouk
D. Painting-by-numbers
E. Detroit Lions
F. An American in Paris
G. Gillette razor blades
H. Uranium
I. Hydrogen bomb
J. Dwight D. Eisenhower
K. Wally Cox
L. Three-light traffic signal
M. The Greatest Show on Earth

- N. Mad
O. Queen Elizabeth II
P. New York Yankees
Q. Detroit Red Wings
R. Sid Caesar

Recipe of the Month

STEAK AU POIVRE

1 tsp. whole black peppercorns; 2 cubed beef steaks; 2 tbsp. cooking oil; 2 tbsp. brandy; 1/4 tsp. instant beef bouillon.

Coarsely crack peppercorns. Sprinkle both sides of the steaks with crushed peppercorns, pressing in firmly with fingers. Let steaks stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat a 10-inch microwave browning dish for 3 minutes. Add cooking oil to browning dish. Swirl to coat the dish. Place the steaks in the browning dish. Micro-cook, covered for 1 minute. Turn steaks and micro-cook covered for 30 seconds to 1 minute more or until done. Remove steaks to a warm serving platter. Stir brandy and bouillon granules into liquid in browning dish. Micro-cook, uncovered for 30 seconds to 1 minute or until boiling. Pour over steaks and serve. Serves 2.

Famous Birthdays











- SEPTEMBER
1. Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875), Yvonne DeCarlo (1922), John Entwistle (1944), Gloria Estefan (1958), Ian Fleming (1888), Barry Gibb (1946), Rocky Marciano (1924), Edmund O'Brien (1915), Raymond Scott (1909), Lily Tomlin (1939), Conway Twitty (1933), Don Wilson (1900)
2. Terry Bradshaw (1948), Jimmy Connors (1952), Eric Dickerson (1960), Gogo Grant (1924), Mark Harmon (1951), Linda Purl (1955), Keanu Reeves (1964), Joe Simon (1943)
3. Anne Jackson (1926), Kitty Cadishe (1915), Al Jardine (1942), Alan Ladd (1913), Rula Lenska (1947), Valerie Perrine (1943), Chadie Sheen (1965), Hank Thompson (1925), Mort Walker (1923)
4. Richard Castellano (1934), Mitzi Gaynor (1931), Paul Harvey (1918), Howard Morris (1919), Jennifer Salt (1944), Dick York (1928)
5. William Devane (1937), Cathy Guisewite (1950), Carol Lawrence (1935), Buddy Miles (1946), Bob Newhart (1929), Will Rogers (1879), Raquel Welch (1940)
6. Jane Addams (1860), Lynne Anderson (1947), Jane Curtin (1947), Joseph Kennedy (1880), Jo Anne Worley (1937)
7. Buddy Holly (1936), Chrissie Hynde (1951), Julie Kavner (1951), Eliza Kazan (1909), John Phillip Law (1937), Sonny Rollins (1930), Richard Roundtree (1942)
8. Sid Caesar (1922), Paty Cline (1932), Verna Lisi (1937), Freddie Mercury (1946), Peter Sellers (1925), Robert A. Taft (1889)
9. Angela Cartwright (1952), Jimmy the Greek (1919), Michael Keaton (1951), Sylvia Miles (1932), Kinky McNichol (1962), Billy Preston (1946), Otis Redding (1941), Cliff Robertson (1925), Colonel Haden Sanders (1890), Roger Waters (1944)
10. Jose Feliciano (1945), Charles Kuralt (1934), Rogier Mans (1934), Arnold Palmer (1929), Ray Wray (1907)
11. Harry Connick, Jr. (1967), Cathryn Darnon (1931), Lola Falana (1946), O. Henry (1862), Earl Holliman (1928), Hedy Lamarr (1913), Tom Landry (1924), D.H. Lawrence (1883)
12. Maurice Chevalier (1888), Billy Gilbert (1894), Linda Gray (1941), Margaret Hamilton (1902), Ian Holm (1931), George Jones (1931), Dickie Moore (1925), Mana Muldaur (1943), Peter Scolari (1954), Barry White (1944)
13. Jacqueline Bisset (1944), Claudette Colbert (1905), Gladys George (1904), Walter Reed (1851), Mel Torme (1925)
14. Walter Koenig (1936), Clayton Moore (1914), Sam Neill (1947), Ivan Pavlov (1849)
15. Jackie Cooper (1921), Norm Crosby (1927), Tommy Lee Jones (1946), Merilyn Olsen (1940), Penny Singleton (1908), Oliver Stone (1946), William Howard Taft (1857)
16. Lauren Bacall (1924), Peter Falk (1927), Anne Francis (1930), Allen Punt (1914), Linda Henning (1944), Kenny Jones (1961), B.B. King (1925), Janus Paige (1922)
17. Anne Bancroft (1931), Elvira (1951), Gabriel Heather (1890), Roddy McDowall (1928), John Rutter (1948), Fee Waybill (1950)
18. Frankie Avalon (1939), Robert Blake (1938), Greta Garbo (1905), Jimmy Rodgers (1933), Jack Warden (1920)
19. Ray Danton (1931), Joan London (1951), David McCallum (1933), Tuggy (1946), Adam West (1928), Paul Williams (1940)
20. Gary Cole (1957), Sophia Loren (1934)
21. Leonard Cohen (1934), Don Felder (1947), Henry Gibson (1935), Larry Hagman (1931), Stephen King (1947), Bill Murray (1950), H.G. Wells (1866)
22. Scott Bao (1961), Shan Belafonte (1954), Debby Boone (1956), John Houseman (1902), Joan Jeti (1960), Paul Mum (1895)
23. Ray Charles (1930), Betsy Drake (1923), Eunides (480), Julio Iglesias (1943), Ben E. King (1938), Walter Lippman (1880), Paul Peterson (1945), Walter Pidgeon (1898), Mary Kay Place (1947), Mickey Rooney (1920), Bruce Springsteen (1949)
24. Phil Hartman (1948), Jim Henson (1936), Sheila MacRae (1923), Gerry Marsden (1942), Linda McCartney (1941), Anthony Newley (1931)
25. Michael Douglas (1944), William Faulkner (1897), Mark Hamill (1952), Heather Locklear (1961), Juliet Prowse (1936), Aldo Ray (1926), Christopher Reeve (1952), Phil Rizzuto (1918), Cheryl Tiegs (1947), Robert Walden (1943), Barbara Walters (1931)
26. Melissa Sue Anderson (1962), Donna Douglas (1939), T.S. Elliot (1898), George Forne (1943), Brian Ferry (1945), George Gershwin (1898), Edmund Gwenn (1875), Linda Hamilton (1956), William Hurt (1950), Julie London (1926), Winnie Mandela (1934), Kent McCord (1942), Olivia Newton-John (1948), Patrick O'Neal (1927), Marty Robbins (1925)
27. Randy Bachman (1943), Wiford Brumley (1934), William Conrad (1920), Jayne Meadows (1926), Meat Loaf (1947), Greg Morris (1934)
28. Brigitte Bardot (1934), Al Capp (1909), Peter Finch (1916), Ben E. King (1938), Marcello Mastroianni (1923), William Paley (1901), Helen Shapiro (1946), Ed Sullivan (1902), William Windom (1923)
29. Gene Autry (1907), Virginia Bruce (1910), Anita Ekberg (1931), Mark Farmer (1948), Bryant Gumbel (1948), Madeline Kahn (1942), Deborah Kerr (1921), Stanley Kramer (1913), Jerry Lee Lewis (1935), Lech Walesa (1943), 30. Ange Dickinson (1931), Deborah Kerr (1921), Frankie Lymon (1942), Johnny Mathis (1935), Victoria Tennant (1950), Barry Williams (1954)

S.F. City Meetings

Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am; Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm; Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm; Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm; Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm; Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm; Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm; Planning-Th 1:30 pm; Police-Wed 5:30 pm; Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm; Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm; Social Services-4th Th 9 am; Status of Women-4th Th 4

Next Meeting of Visitacion Valley Task Force is September 26 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center 50 Raymond Ave

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 Grandparents Day 	14 11:30a VVCC Senior Shopping	15 12:30a VVCC Senior Bingo	16 10:30a VVCC Senior Crafts	17 9:30a-3p Sewing Citizenship Day	18 International Day of Peace National Thank You Day 	19 10a Friends of McLaren Park Meeting
20 	21 11:30a VVCC Senior Shopping	22 12:30a VVCC Senior Bingo First Autumn Day	23 10:30a VVCC Senior Crafts Proposal Day (Propose Marriage to Your True Love)	24 9:30a-3p Sewing 9a USDA Surplus Food Distribution Good Neighbor Day	25 TGIF 	26 10:30a-12 noon Visitacion Valley Task Force Meeting at 50 Raymond Ave.
27 	28 11:30a VVCC Senior Shopping	29 12:30a VVCC Senior Bingo	30 10:30a VVCC Senior Crafts	1 9:30a-3p Sewing 7p ROSES Meeting	2 	3 
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State Senate Passes Legislation to Report HIV Cases

The State Senate passed legislation Aug. 27 by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) to report HIV cases to local health departments by a unique code system to protect patients' confidentiality. Currently, California does not report HIV cases; AIDS cases are reported. The bill, AB 1663, passed on a 22-15 vote.

"This is a balanced, well-crafted measure designed to address the need

for improved data to help fight the HIV epidemic while providing maximum protection for patient confidentiality," said Migden. "It is a strong public health measure that will not deter individuals from testing and treatment."

The Migden bill builds on a system of unique codes used in Maryland and Texas. Several other states, including Massachusetts, Washington, Connecticut and Hawaii are also develop-

ing unique code systems to report HIV cases.

AB 1663 is supported by the California Medical Association, the California Conference of Local Health Officers, and a broad array of health care organizations and AIDS service providers.

The bill now moves to the Assembly for a final vote on Senate amendments.

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Society Launching "Year of the Bible"

More than 90 percent of all Americans own at least one Bible, but surveys indicate fewer than half of them actually read it. To try and change that, the American Bible Society (ABS) has launched a nationwide daily reading program based on its easy-to-understand *Contemporary English Version* of the Bible.

Reading Scripture just *Five Minutes a Day* (the theme of the 1999 Year of the Bible program), a person will complete the entire New Testament in one year.

While 1999 *Year of the Bible* actually begins next Jan. 1, individuals and churches can prepare for it now by planning their own programs based on materials created by ABS.

The materials include specially printed *Year of the Bible* New Testaments, which include the day-by-day reading guide for 1999, as well as videos and lapel pins for a nominal fee. Free materials include buttons, bookmarks and bumper stickers, and special kits for pastors.

"The 1999 *Year of the Bible* is a great way to reacquaint our contemporary culture with the Bible," said the Rev. Ronald W. Mixer, manager of the program. "Churches joining together across denominational lines to take the Bible into their communities demonstrates the desire of the church world to make a positive statement to the rest of our society."

More information is available at 1-888-324-2535.

Resolve to Stop Violence with the S.F. Giants

You can help the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco Sheriff's Department strike out violence during *Resolve to Stop the Violence Day* at 3Com Park during the game of Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1:05 p.m.

Resolve to Stop the Violence Project (RSVP) is a nationally recognized violence prevention program initiated by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department. RSVP succeeds in holding vio-

lent offenders accountable for repairing the harm they have done through victim restitution and community restoration. It is the only anti-violence program in the country which focuses on domestic violence, random violence and violence in the community by working with offenders while they are incarcerated and upon their release to the community.

Three dollars from every ticket sold, when you mention RSVP, will be donated to services for victims and survivors of violence.

To order tickets, call the S.F. Giants ticket order line directly at 330-2528, and be sure to mention RSVP to ensure that ticket proceeds benefit the program.

Shanti Volunteer Training

Shanti still needs your help because people still have AIDS. Volunteers are needed at Shanti to help run errands, shop, clean, cook, laugh, cry, talk, go for walks, share, hope and listen, providing emotional and practical support to people with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco.

Comprehensive trainings are held in San Francisco for Shanti Volunteers with the next training taking place over two weekends, Sept. 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Call 487-4722 to apply.

Mr. Morgenstern's Hauling
Dump runs done reasonable. Price based on salvage value. Free estimates. Also wanted: garage or storage for household items. Call 902-8026.

Join Your Neighbors to Celebrate Our New Palega Children's Playground Official Grand Opening Celebration

Thanks to neighborhood commitment, the new park play equipment is here.



Come to a community fair at Palega children's playground. Meet other neighbors, have fun, and find out how community involvement made the playground renovation possible.

Saturday, October 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sululagi M. Palega, Jr. Playground

Near Felton and Hamilton Streets

Face Painting Games for Kids
Frisbee Golf--try it out!

- Family Connections
- Friends of McLaren Park
- Portola Patrol
- San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP)
(local St. Elizabeth's chapter)
- Health Center #3
- Randall Museum
- San Francisco Bike Coalition
- San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG)
Look for free jam tastings by Urban Herbals
- San Bruno Businessmen
- Coleman Advocates for Youth
- Community Boards
- Meet the Palega Playground Rec & Park Staff
- The Southeast Greenway Project

Chinese and Spanish translators will be staffing event.

For additional information, call Palega Recreation Center at (415) 468-2875.

To become involved, call Lia Smith at (415) 467-6381.

Visitacion Valley Business Directory

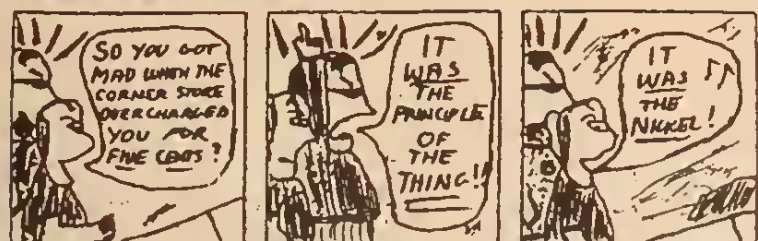
Visitacion Valley businesses and organizations are listed here free. Call the Grapevine at (415) 467-9300

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BAYSHORE SERVICE (mechanic) 2596 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7450
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T.W. AUTOMOTIVE (mechanic), 2500 Bayshore Blvd., 585-8281
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Service Wire Revolutionizes Communication Between People and the Government

California, one of the most wired states in the country, now has a new web service that lets residents send instant, free e-mail messages to any of 140,000 government officials in more than 7,000 towns and cities nationwide—and get problems solved fast!

This revolutionary new web site, www.e-thepeople.com, was demonstrated to citizens groups and politicians statewide by Alex Sheshunoff, whose Internet launch was profiled in Forbes Magazine. Sheshunoff's bus, the *Grassroots Express*, will be giving demonstrations to politicians and citizens groups in 40 cities across the U.S. The picturesque bus is decorated like a huge mailbox, complete with flag.

"In the past, it's been hard for people to participate in the affairs of their community because they have so little free time," said Sheshunoff, a 24-year-old Yale grad. "And when they have a problem, people usually don't know who to call or how to reach them. E-The People makes it easy—even fun." According to a recently released study more than 70.5 million (34.9 percent) of the 202 million U.S. adults use the Internet.

This tour has generated enthusiastic response from politicians and citizens groups along the way. Although E-The People's website has been "live" for only a few weeks, it has been eagerly embraced by a wide variety of groups seeking to expand communication between elected officials and the citizens they represent.

"Internet sites like E-The People are exciting because they provide people with another way to make their voices heard and allow elected officials to be more responsive," said Congressman Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas. California

Senator Barbara Boxer, who received a demonstration of the service on Aug. 23 said, "I wholeheartedly support any technological advance that increases the ability of the people to actively participate in the decisions made by government. That is the key to our democracy."

The fastest use of E-The People will occur at the local level by people seeking to get quick action on problems ranging from a gaping pothole to a broken park swing. E-The People innovative software pulls up the names of the specific local officials most closely concerned with each specific issue, allowing an instant e-mail complaint

Over the past several weeks, Sheshunoff and his *Grassroots Express* have traveled to cities such as Houston, Dallas, Phoenix, San Francisco and Los Angeles to publicize the innovative new service.

E-The People is free to its users and is financed by the sale of banner ads on the site. More than 40 newspapers reaching seven million readers have decided to incorporate E-The People into their own interactive editions. E-The People expects to link to 100 papers nationwide within the next three months.

to be sent.

Because of this, numerous cities are

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can be found on the Internet at
<http://home.earthlink.net/~visvalley>

hopping on board the E-The People bus as well. On Aug. 17, the city of West Hollywood—which created itself through voter initiative 11 years ago—voted to become the first American city to add E-The People to its website. "Not using the Internet to communicate today is like saying you prefer to use the Pony Express," said West.

E-The People also allows citizens

groups—from the Sierra Club to the local block club—to post online petitions and seek signatures in support of those petitions via e-mail. Citizens groups in California and other states have begun to make plans to use E-The People to lobby their state legislatures on issues ranging from bicycle safety helmet laws to environmental issues.

Celebrate the Visitacion Valley Greenway!

The Reis Tract lots now belong to the Community and San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department.

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